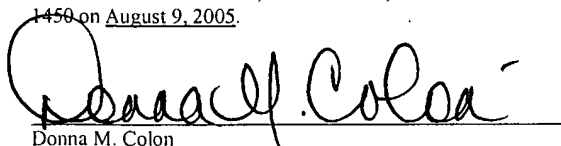




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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is made to the Final Office Action of March 18, 2005 and the
Advisory Action of July 5, 2005.

Applicant filed a proposed Amendment under Rule 116 in the parent application.
The Examiner refused to enter the proposed Amendment under Rule 116 in the parent
application. Applicant is filing an amendment concurrently with the filing of the Request
for Continued Examination (RCE). This concurrently filed amendment is substantially
identical to the proposed Amendment under Rule 116. Accordingly, please enter the